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Identical letters dated 27 January 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed in December 2013 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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Land violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
1 December 2013	0930	An Israeli enemy patrol comprising three light military vehicles was seen near Duhayrah town. Ten soldiers stepped out. Two of them crossed the technical fence without crossing the Blue Line. They laid 10 metres of concertina wire along the technical fence at point B18. A member of the patrol photographed the work. The patrol left at 1015 hours.
3 December 2013	2240	An Israeli enemy patrol comprising four Hummer vehicles directed a searchlight for five minutes towards Wadi Sa'sa' and Wadi Atmun. At the same time, a warning whistle was sounded and unintelligible messages were delivered by megaphone. At 2245 hours, the patrol withdrew into occupied territory.
	2330	An Israeli enemy patrol comprising five cars approached the technical fence opposite the Zar'it barracks. A number of soldiers stepped out holding lamps. Unintelligible megaphone messages were heard. One Merkava tank stopped northwest of the Abu Dajaj position. Individuals carrying lamps stepped out and entered the thicket between point *ghayn*-36 and the technical fence without crossing the Blue Line.
	2340	The Israeli enemy patrol launched a flare shell into the thicket between point *ghayn*-36 and the technical fence for one minute. At the same time, a searchlight was directed towards the thicket and Lebanese territory.
6 December 2013	0825	Within occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the Lebanese Army post of Wazzani, an Israeli enemy civil engineering machine approached. It was mounted with a pole bearing a surveillance camera trained on Lebanese territory. The machine did not cross the technical fence, and withdrew into occupied territory on 8 December at 2030 hours.
9 December 2013	1430	An Israeli enemy patrol comprising one Hummer vehicle approached opposite the town of Kafr Killa. Four soldiers stepped out and installed a civil engineering machine mounted with a pole bearing a surveillance camera trained on Lebanese territory. At 1530 hours, the patrol withdrew into occupied territory. At 2050 hours, the patrol returned and retrieved the civil engineering device.
15 December 2013	1815	A sentry at the Lebanese Army position of Ra's al-Naqurah suspected that armed soldiers were present in front of the position, in the direction of the border. The soldiers at the position searched the surroundings without finding anything. At around 1943 hours, a gunfire salvo was heard near the technical fence. The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) subsequently stated that an Israeli enemy soldier had been killed in the surroundings of

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		the Israeli enemy position east of the Dikiyah gate, which is opposite the Ra's al-Naqurah position. At 2200 hours, the Israeli enemy combed a wide area around the technical fence. During that time, there was intermittent and direct light and medium weapons fire towards the Ra's al-Naqurah position and the surrounding area. Helicopters and reconnaissance circled the area, and four flare shells were fired over the position. The gunfire continued until midnight.
16 December 2013	1200	The Israeli enemy conducted maintenance work at the Misgav Am position opposite point TP36 (Udaysah). A crane mounted with a winch was used to move a stabilizer mounted with a satellite dish, which is believed to be used for mobile monitoring and transmission, from one location to another at the military position. The satellite dish was directed towards Lebanese territory opposite. At the same time, an Israeli Army patrol comprising one Humvee vehicle and one pick-up truck took up positions. A 12.7 mm machine gun mounted on the Humvee was trained on Lebanese territory. A number of enemy soldiers spread out around point TP36. One of them took up a combat position on the hill along the technical fence, training his personal weapon on a Lebanese Army patrol that was observing the work from the Lebanese side. The other members of the patrol paid no attention to that aggressive behaviour. At 1230 hours, the enemy Israeli Army finished work and withdrew its machine and personnel into occupied territory.
24 December 2013	0930	The enemy Israeli Army sprayed a petrol-like substance over the trees near the technical fence between points B18 and B19. The smell spread to the homes near Duhayrah town. Several incendiary smoke bombs were launched, causing a large fire that spread to some 60 olive trees over an area of some 45,000 square metres from the thicket. The fire also caused several landmines and cluster bombs to explode in the minefields around the area. Some 16 explosions were heard.
	1330	An Israeli enemy patrol consisting of two Humvee vehicles, two Land Rover vehicles and a Poclain excavator arrived at point TP37 (Udaysah). The excavator got to work along the technical fence, digging a trench 10 metres long, 60 centimetres wide and 1.5 metres deep. It was accompanied by several soldiers, who spread out in the surrounding area. One of the soldiers trained a 12.7 mm machine gun mounted on a Humvee towards Lebanese territory.
26 December 2013	0820	An Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles approached opposite the Wazzani resort. Seven soldiers stepped out, opened the gate and crossed the technical fence by a distance of some 150 metres, without crossing the withdrawal line. At 0855 hours, they closed the gate and withdrew into occupied Palestinian territory.

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29 December 2013	0740, 0805	Israeli enemy forces fired 32 artillery shells that landed on the outskirts of Rashayya al-Fukhkhar, in the Khuraybah area within Lebanese territory.
	1210	A sniper belonging to the enemy Israeli Army was spotted inside Lebanese territory, behind the earthen berm opposite Wazzani observation post (OP8) of the Lebanese Army (*lam mim* 9). The sniper trained his weapon on the observation post before returning into occupied territory at 1500 hours.
30 December 2013	1100	At point TP37, opposite the town of Udaysah, the Israeli enemy opened the gate and released a dog into the territory on which Lebanon maintains a claim. At 1105 hours, they called the dog back into occupied territory and closed the gate.
	2205	From its position at the Zar'it barracks, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight for one minute towards the main road of Tarbikha.
31 December 2013	0020	Israeli enemy forces opposite the town of Udaysah, at point TP37, opened the gate and brought through it a device consisting of a radar and a four-metre pole mounted with a Robot camera. They installed the device some three metres inside the area to which Lebanon maintains a claim. At 0810 hours, a patrol comprising six foot soldiers, two Hummer vehicles and two Land Rover vehicles arrived in the area. The soldiers in one of the vehicles trained their guns on Lebanese territory.
	0820	Inside occupied Palestinian territory, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles and one Land Rover moved from point *shin*-26, Misgav Am, to point *shin*-27, East Udaysah 1. Six soldiers stepped out and patrolled on foot, proceeding some 500 metres towards point *shin*-28, East Udaysah 2. They then returned, took up positions near point *shin*-27 and trained the weapon mounted on a Hummer vehicle towards the Udaysah checkpoint belonging to the Ninth Brigade. At 1000 hours, the patrol withdrew to point *shin*-26.
	0900	A Merkava tank moved from point *ghayn*-51, Biranit, and positioned itself at point *ghayn*-52, the Rumaysh gate. At 1120 hours, it moved to point *ghayn*-56, Khallat al-Budiyah 1, travelling along the earthen road between the technical fence and the Blue Line before positioning itself behind the earthen berm. At 1300 hours, it travelled 300 metres along the earthen road, returned and again positioned itself behind the berm.
	1300	Opposite the town of Rumaysh, in Wadi Qatmun, two Merkava tanks crossed the technical fence, short of the Blue Line near point *ghayn*-56. A tank positioned itself at point B39, then followed the second tank along the earthen road towards point B37, which is used for concealment.
	1400-1530	A Merkava tank moved from point *ghayn*-56, Khallat al-Budiyah 1, along the earthen road between the technical fence and the Blue Line as far as Wadi Qatmun, where it positioned itself. At the same time, a second tank travelled from inside occupied Palestinian territory to point *ghayn*-52, the Rumaysh gate, where it positioned itself. It then moved forwards and

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		backwards over some 10 metres, raising a cloud of thick white smoke, before returning to its position and training its cannon on Lebanese Army observation post *lam mim* 5 for around one minute.
	1820	From point B37, Wadi Qatmun, a Merkava tank moved to a point some 30 metres from the Blue Line, where it directed a searchlight for five minutes towards the Lebanese Army position and Lebanese territory.

Sea violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
23 December 2013	1800	From its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters in the region of the line of buoys for two seconds.

Air violations

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1 December 2013	0500	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 0950 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1035	Six Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea off Rumaylah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1130 hours over Naqurah.
2 December 2013	0900	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1045 hours over Naqurah.
	1445	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 0600 hours on 3 December over Rumaysh.
	1750	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 0630 hours on 3 December over Rumaysh.
6 December 2013	0940	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1215 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
9 December 2013	0650	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 1100 hours over Rumaysh.

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10 December 2013	0820	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1010 hours over Rumaysh.
15 December 2013	1205	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1340 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2225	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 0040 hours on 16 December over Naqurah.
16 December 2013	0700	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 2115 hours over Naqurah.
	0930	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. They circled over the South, the Western Bekaa and the Shuf before leaving at 1025 hours over the sea off Naqurah.
	0940	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. They circled over the South, the Western Bekaa and the Shuf before leaving at 1025 hours over the sea off Naqurah.
	0955	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1705 hours over Naqurah.
	1020	Four Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the Shab'a Farms and heading north. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1130 hours over Naqurah.
	1155	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 2250 hours over Naqurah.
17 December 2013	0605	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs, Baalbek and Riyaq before leaving at 1220 hours over Naqurah.
	0945	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Shikka. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1050 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1125	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Baalbek Riyaq, Hirmil and Al-Arz before leaving at 1730 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
18 December 2013	0610	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1020 hours over Rumaysh.

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	1820	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 2300 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
19 December 2013	0800	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 2105 hours over Rumaysh.
	0945	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1830 hours over Naqurah.
20 December 2013	0540	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over Baalbek and Riyaq and before leaving at 1750 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1525 hours over Kafr Killa.
21 December 2013	0700	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1455 hours over Naqurah.
	0705	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1615 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1530	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 1850 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
22 December 2013	0520	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South, Beirut and its suburbs, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1930 hours over Kafr Killa.
	0500	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South, Beirut and its suburbs, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 2245 hours over Kafr Killa.
23 December 2013	1030	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1950 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1042	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1240 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1230	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 2015 hours over Naqurah.

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24 December 2013	0640	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1010 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0655	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 1430 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2020	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 2155 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	2200	Enemy helicopters circled over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
25 December 2013	0615	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 2130 hours over Rumaysh.
	1050	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Iqlim al-Kharrub and the South before leaving at 1515 hours over Kafr Killa.
26 December 2013	1730	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 0025 hours on 27 December over Rumaysh.
27 December 2013	0815	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 1730 hours over Naqurah.
	0900	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Baalbek, Hirmil and the South before leaving at 1445 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0905	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1100 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
30 December 2013	1530	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Aytarun. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1700 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.